

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by La Medica, Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent 6,625,451).

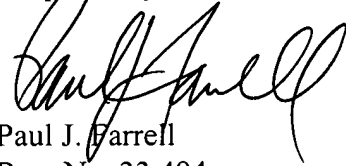
Regarding independent Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8, the Examiner states that La Medica et al. anticipates all of the elements of the claims. La Medica et al. discloses a preferred roaming list and system select feature. Each of independent Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 recites a “valid roaming list” and a “stored roaming list”. The “valid roaming list” is received from one of the Base Transceiver Stations and the Mobile Switching Center. The “stored roaming list”, different from the “valid roaming list”, is a conventional “preferred roaming list”. The “valid roaming list” is compared to the “stored roaming list” in order to eliminate the scanning of the sub-PLMN that is not contained in the “valid roaming list” and the “stored roaming list”. Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of independent Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 is respectfully requested.

La Medica et al., on the other hand, has only one roaming list, and no mention of a “valid roaming list” as defined in the claims of the present application is disclosed by La Medica et al. Further, there is no comparison of two different roaming lists in La Medica et al. Additionally, La Medica et al. requires scanning of the sub-PLMN in each and every embodiment set forth therein, as apparent from those sections cited by the Examiner, as opposed to limiting the number of scanned sub-PLMN provided for by the present application. And finally, La Medica et al. does not disclose a method for providing a valid roaming list according to a position of a mobile station and transmitting the valid roaming list to the mobile station.

Independent Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 3 and 6, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2, 3 and 6 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-8, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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